an increase in excise duty which works out to about Rs. 3 per kilogram. It is further reported that the primary producers have not increased ex-factory price of semi-fabricated items such as rolled sheets, extrusions etc., after decontrol of aluminium. The market is in the process of stabilization.

Import of Highly Toxic Pesticides

2754. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some highly toxic pesticides have been permitted to be imported; if so, their names; who are their manufacturers and their local agents;

(b) whether on an earlier occasion, the Registration Committee for pesticides had rejected the case of methomyl and thiazophos being manufactured in India by multinationals on the grounds that they were not effective enough to fight heliothi, and whitefly apart from being highly toxic and Rallis were allowed to manufacture fenpropathrin provisionally for data generation and not for use;

(c) whether any additional scientific data was supplied to the Committee to change its earlier decesion; and

(d) whether the imports will be canalised through the public sector concern like The Hindustan Insecticides Ltd; if not, why a public sector concern is being denied the imports in the face of multinationals and their Indian agents: names and addresses of such beneficiaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) pesticides are permitted to be imported after verifying their efficacy and safety in use. Some highly toxic pesticides are also registered for import in view of the country's requirements and the Registration Committee permits their use in reasonably safer formulations and with appropriate handling precautions. During 1989 only one pesticide, namely, Triazophos, belonging to highly toxic group of insecticides, has been registered for import. The manufacturer of this product is M/s. Hoechst, West Germany and their local agents are M/s. Hoechst India Ltd., Bombay and M/s. Evid & Company Chemicals Limited, Gujarat.

(b) No, Sir. The applications for registration of Methomyl and Triazophos for import were not rejected on grounds of their bio-efficacy. M/s. Rallis India were allowed to import Fenpropathrin Technical and to formulate the same indigenously for data generation and for commercialisation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Import of insecticides by Public Sector Companies can be permitted if they hold registration certificate under the Insecticides Act for the concerned pesticides.

Scheme for employees participation in management

2755. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Scheme for Employees Participation in Management was notified on December 30, 1983;

(b) if so, number of the Central Public sector undertakings and also of the departmentally run undertakings;

(c) out of the above, which ones have implemented the scheme at the shop, plant and board levels; and

(d) whether any requests for exemption from the scheme have been granted; if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Departmentally run undertakings are excluded from the purview of